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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ADDIS ACCORDS CELEBRATED IN JUBA

1. AMID TIGHTEST SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN MEMORY, MARCH 3
GOS CELEBRATION IN JUBA OF FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ADDIS ACCORDS,
ENDING CIVIL WAR, WENT OFF VIRTUALLY AS PLANNED. DESPITE
RUMORS OF POSSIBLE TROUBLE INSTIGATED BY ANTI-REGIME EXILES,
SOLE UNSETTLING ELEMENT WAS BRIEF FUSILLADE OF SHOTS FROM ONE
MACHINE GUN EVIDENTLY FIRED AT NO TARGET IN PARTICULAR ABOUT 0715
LOCAL BY SINGLE SOLDIER LATER SAID TO BE UNBLANCED. INCIDENT
CAUSED DELAY IN LANDING PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S AIRCRAFT WHILE
SECURITY AUTHORITES SATISFIED THEMSELVES FIRING REPRESENTED
ISOLATED INCIDENT, WITH RESULTANT SLIPPAGE IN ENTIRE MORNING'S
PROGRAM.

2. FEB. 2 SHOOTING FRACAS, RUMORS OF SUBSEQUENT TROUBLE AND
PERVASIVE PRESENCE AMORED CARS, PARATROOPS AND ARMED POLICE SEEMED
INITIALLY TO HAVE DULLED POPULAR ENTHUSIASM FOR THE OCCASION.
CROWDS ALONG MAIN ROADS WERE SPARSE AND SUBDUED AS NIMEIRI AND
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INVITED GUESTS, INCLUDING DIPLOMATIC CORPS, RUSHED IN CAVALCADE OF
VARIEGATED VEHICLES (INCLUDING TWO AMBULANCES) FROM ONE SCHEDULED
EVENT TO NEXT, CREATING THE WORST TRAFFIC JAMS YET SEEN IN EQUATORIA
PROVINCE. TRADITIONAL CHEERFULNESS AND GAITETY USUAL ON SUCH
OCCASIONS RETURNED NOTICEABLY BY AFTERNOON WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR
EARLIER FOREBODINGS WOULD NOT BE BORNE OUT.

3. NIMEIRI OPENED NEW SATELLITE GROUND STATION (BUILT BY AMERICAN HARRIS CO.) LINKING JUBA WITH NORTH TELEPHONICALLY AND FOR TV AND INAUGURATED NEW SOUTHERN PARLIAMENT AND REGIONAL GOVT COMPLEX (BUILT BY YUGOSLAVS ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS). HE ALSO DELIVERED HOUR-LONG ADDRESS HAILING PROGRESS MADE IN IMPLEMENTING ADDIS SETTLEMENT AND STRESSING THAT END FIVE-YEAR TRANSITIONAL PERIOD DOES NOT ALTER VALIDITY AGREEMENT ITSELF WHICH IS "PERMANENT AND CONTINUOUS".

4. COMMENT: NIMEIRI'S EMPHASIS ON LASTING VALIDITY ADDIS ACCORDS WAS NO DOUBT DESIGNED TO CORRECT CONTRARY IMPRESSION WHICH HAD BEEN CIRCULATING IN JUBA IN WEEKS PRIOR ANNIVERSARY. OTHERWISE, HIS SPEECH SEEMED CAREFULLY CALCULATED NOT MAKE WAVES AT TIME OF CONTINUING UNCERTAINTY IN SUDAN/ETHIOPIA RELATIONS AND ON EVE AFRO/ARAB CAIRO SUMMIT. BREWER

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